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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN-MOROCCAN MISSION ON SPANISH SAHARA

1. FRENCH AND ARABIC VERSIONS OF MAURITANIA'S BRAND-NEW (AND ONLY) DAILY NEWSPAPER "CHAAB" JULY 11 FRONT-PAGED ROUND-UP STORIES ON SPANISH SAHARA WITH PHOTOS SHOWING GIRM FOREIGN MINISTER OULD MOUKNASS AND MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI LEAVING OFFICE OF COLONEL KOUNTCHE, NIGERIAN CHIEF OF STATE. TWIN STORIES REPORTED MEETING WITH KOUNTCHE AND ANNOUNCED DUO'S ARRIVAL IN YAOUNDE TO SEE CAMEROUN CHIEF OF STATE AHIDJO. CONSIDERABLY LONGER AND MORE DETAILED FRENCH STORY ALSO INCLUDED SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR SALMON BEFORE HAGUE INTERNATIONAL COURT.

2. STORIES STRESSED: (A) GIRM INSISTENCE (REITERATED BY MOUKNASS DURING NIAMEY PRESS CONFERENCE) THAT SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO WESTERN SAHARA PROBLEM MUST PROCEED VIA INITIATION DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AMONG MAURITANIA,
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MOROCCO, AND SPAIN; (B) RECENT DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT

OULD DADDAH THAT FOUR-NATION CONFERENCE SOUGHT BY SPAIN
WILL NOT TAKE PLACE; (C) DECOLONIZATION OF SAHARA CAN BE
ENVISAGED ONLY IN CONTEXT OF UNITED NATIONS; (D) MOUKNASS
EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH "UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT WHICH
MAURITANIAN-MOROCCAN MISSION HAD ENCOUNTERED ON PART OF ALL
AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE"; AND (E) TWO MINISTERS IN BRIEFING
CHIEFS OF STATE ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN "SPANISH-DOMINATED
SAHARA" HAD PUT PARTICULAR STRESS ON "MANEUVERINGS AIMED
AT PERPETUATING COLONIALISM, UNDER ANOTHER FORM, IN THIS
REGION."HANDYSIDE

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